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Provide for the re-constitution of the Clare Infirmary and
for other purposes connected therewith. A.D. 1893.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 5 1. This Act may be cited as the Clare Hospital Act, 1893. Short title.
2. From and after the *passing of this Act* the body corporate of the county of Clare infirmary shall be dissolved and shall cease to exist, and all the property, real and personal, of such body corporate shall pass to and become vested in the Local Government Board, to be held by them in trust for the purposes of this Act, and the provisions of the Act of the session of the fifth year of King George the Third, chapter twenty (Ireland), and any Act amending the same, shall not apply to the county of Clare infirmary. Dissolution of governing body and vesting of property.
- 10 3. The grand jury of the county of Clare shall at the first assizes held after the *passing of this Act* present, to be raised off such county and to be distributed among the persons entitled, a sum equal to the amount of all debts and liabilities certified by the Local Government Board to have been properly and necessarily incurred by the body corporate of the county of Clare infirmary, and remaining unpaid or undischarged at the *passing of this Act*, and such presentment shall be legal and valid for all purposes, any enactment to the contrary notwithstanding. Grand jury to present for existing liabilities.
- 20 4. In lieu of the said infirmary there shall be established a public general hospital, to be called the Clare Hospital, available for the reception of patients residing in the county of Clare, and the said hospital shall be regulated by and subject to the provisions of this Act. Re-constitution of infirmary.
- 5.-(1.) There shall be constituted for the purposes of this Act a board to be called the board of management of the Clare Constitution of new governing body.
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A.D. 1893. Hospital consisting of so many members of each board of guardians of the poor law unions situated wholly or partly in the county of Clare as the Local Government Board may from time to time determine, and the members of such board of management shall be elected in such manner and by such electors as are herein-after 5 mentioned.

(2.) The board of management shall be a body corporate having a perpetual succession and a common seal.

Election of members of board.

6. The members of the board of management representing each poor law union or part of a poor law union situated within the 10 county of Clare shall be elected annually by the members of the board of guardians of such union out of their own number in manner and at the time prescribed, and upon every fresh election the members of the existing board of management shall retire, but any retiring member shall if qualified be re-eligible: Provided that 15 in the case of any union not situated wholly within the county of Clare, no elected guardian shall vote or be eligible as a member of the board unless he represents an electoral division situated within such counties, or either of them, and no ex-officio guardian shall be so eligible unless he derives his qualification from property situated 20 within such counties or either of them, or resides in either of them.

Chairman of board.

7. The chairman of the board shall be annually elected by the members out of their own number, and shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

Regulations as to board.

8. The following regulations shall have effect with respect to the 25 board of management; that is to say,

(1.) The board as constituted under this Act shall come into office on the prescribed day:

(2.) A member may resign by notifying his intention so to do in writing to the chairman of the board: 30

(3.) Any casual vacancy in the office of a member of the board by death, resignation, incapacity, or otherwise shall be filled up by the board; but any person so chosen shall retain his office so long only as the vacating member would have retained the same if no vacancy had occurred. A member dying between 35 the time of his election and the time of entering on his office shall be deemed to create a casual vacancy.

Staff.

9.—(1.) The medical staff of the said hospital shall consist of such duly qualified surgeons and physicians as may be appointed by the Local Government Board, and they shall perform such duties 40 as may be prescribed by that Board, and in all respects be subject to the control of that Board and of the board of management of

the hospital, in like manner as officers appointed under the Act of the session of the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter fifty-six, and shall be removable in the manner provided by section thirty-three of that Act.

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- 5 (2.) The board of management, with the consent of the Local Government Board, may appoint such officers, matron, nurses, and other persons as may be necessary for the requirements of the hospital, and may, with the like consent, remove or dismiss the same, provided that the existing registrar, matron, and nurses of the
10 county infirmary shall, if they so desire, be appointed the first registrar, matron, and nurses respectively of the hospital.

(3.) The board of management may pay such salaries or other remuneration as the Local Government Board approve to any of the persons mentioned in this section.

- 15 10. The hospital shall be available for—

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- (a.) Any persons residing in the county of Clare, who shall, so long as they remain in the hospital, defray the expenses of their maintenance therein and clothing, and shall be admissible upon an order signed by any two of the medical officers of the
20 hospital; and

- (b.) Poor persons resident in the county of Clare requiring special or surgical treatment, the costs and expenses of whose treatment, maintenance, and clothing in the hospital shall be borne by the electoral divisions respectively liable for their maintenance, and who shall be admissible upon an order of the boards of guardians of the unions wherein such electoral divisions are situated.
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11. All costs and expenses incurred in the management, repair, and support of the hospital, and in furnishing and fitting up the hospital, and in providing all articles and requisites for the common
30 use of the inmates and in paying any salaries or other remuneration under this Act, shall, so far as not otherwise payable, be a charge on the several electoral divisions of the county of Clare, and the several boards of guardians shall raise the same by a poundage
35 rate on the rateable value of such electoral divisions respectively.

Maintenance.

12. The Local Government Board shall, as soon as may be after the passing of this Act, and may from time to time afterwards make such regulations as they may deem necessary for determining the number of patients to be from time to time received from the
40 several unions so situated as aforesaid, for the inspection of the hospital, for regulating the proceedings and auditing the accounts

Inspection
and audit.

A.D. 1893. of the board of management, and otherwise for the purpose of carrying this Act into effect.

Definitions. 13. In this Act the expression "Local Government Board" means the Local Government Board for Ireland, the expression "rateable value" means the annual rateable value under the Irish Valuation Acts of the hereditaments comprised in the area mentioned, and the expression "prescribed" means prescribed by the Local Government Board.

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